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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 1977 requesting the continuation of special intelligence clearances for Mr. Jan H. Kalicki, who held the clearances until he recently resigned from the State Department to serve on your personal staff.

I am sure you are aware that the President is very concerned about the widespread dissemination of sensitive intelligence and is studying measures to reduce the number of people exposed to such sensitive information. Until this study is completed, and new procedures are established, I feel we must follow our established policy of granting special intelligence clearances only to permanent staff members of Congressional committees which have direct responsibility on such matters. The continuation of a Top Secret clearance should present no problem and I understand the Department of Defense will process this request.

This is a position I have felt it necessary to take with all other Senators and members of the House who have asked similarly. The number of potential additions to our list of compartmented clearances is formidable. You might be interested to know that I have frozen the number of such clearances within the Executive Branch and expect soon to issue instructions for net reductions.

I wish I could be more helpful to you in this matter, but I do feel that I must remain consistent.

With warmest regards,

STANSFIELD TURNER